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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company for Authority to
Construct New and Modify Existing 138 kV Underground
Transmission Lines in the Downtown Milwaukee Area, Located
in Milwaukee County

6630-CE-272

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT
OF COSTS AND HEARING**

Direct Testimony Due:	Monday, July 31, 2000 – Noon
Rebuttal Testimony Due:	Monday, August 7, 2000 – Noon
Hearing Date:	Monday, August 14, 2000 – 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Hearing Location:	Hillside Boys and Girls Club, 623 West Cherry Street, Milwaukee, WI

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO consider the application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO) for authority to construct new and modify existing 138 kV underground transmission lines in the downtown Milwaukee area, located in Milwaukee County. The application was filed pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.49 and 196.491, and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 111 and 112. Specific project routes and route alternatives are detailed in the attached map.

Copies of WEPCO's application are available for public review at the Milwaukee Public Library, 814 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee; at the Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 105, 901 North 9th Street, Milwaukee; and at the offices of the city of Milwaukee, 200 East Wells Street, Milwaukee.

WEPCO is proposing the project in order to improve the reliability of the electric system in the metropolitan Milwaukee area.

If the Commission approves the application, construction is scheduled to begin during the second quarter of 2001. Construction is scheduled to be complete and the upgraded transmission facilities in-service by December 2003.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

A hearing will be held on Monday, August 14, 2000, at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Hillside Boys and Girls Club, 623 West Cherry Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Parking for people with disabilities is available. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Interests or concerns expressed outside the hearing or after the close of the hearing cannot be used by the Commission to make its decision. The record of the public hearing is the legal basis for the final decision by the Commission on this application. Property owners or any other persons having an interest or concern about the facilities or routes are strongly urged to attend and participate in the public hearing.

Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.32(3) no later than 14 days from the date of this notice. The request shall be addressed to Administrative Law Judge Jeffry J. Patzke, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

The testimony of WEPCO and Commission staff witnesses will be available approximately one week prior to the hearing. Copies may be obtained in advance by contacting the case coordinator listed below.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

This is a Type II action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(2). It requires the preparation of an environmental assessment to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary under Wis. Stat. § 1.11. Persons wishing to comment on the environmental aspects of this case should submit comments to Valerie Mellerop, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI, 53707. Persons may contact her at (608) 267-3597, or at mellev@psc.state.wi.us. In order to be considered in this analysis, comments must be received within 10 days of the mailing date of this notice.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Jim Lepinski at (608) 266-0478.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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